

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
March 30, 2014 7:00 P.M.
Sarkeys Energy Center, Room A235, Conference Room

Call to Order- Carrie Pavlowsky 7:03

Reading and Approval of the Minutes: Move to approve Senator 45, second Senator 46. No objections, minutes of 3/09/14 meeting are approved.

Chair- Not Present

Vice Chair- The Chair is in Texas, also sent out letters to departments about attendance and nominations are open for officers.

Secretary- No Report

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs- No Report

Development and Philanthropy- No Report

External Affairs- No Report

Human Diversity- We are having multicultural event at May 2 from 6 to 8 at the Art Museum, will have a caterer and white wine.

Internal Affairs- Officer nominations are open, must be turned in by this Wednesday so any candidates can meet with the executive meeting at 2:30.

Problems and Projects- We are assisting human diversity.

Public Relations- No Report

Ways and Means- We finished up grant grading on Sunday, still going through everything, currently had 104 apps, 55 passes and will be awarded grants, 49 disqualified, allocation bill on agenda next Sunday.

Speaker from Graduate Student Life- Rebecca Mills

Mills: You will be getting a PowerPoint on Monday, detailed info regarding contacts, how many know about graduate student life center, it is a new center that opened up last year, had lots of resources, meeting rooms, TVs, there is plenty of couch space, have great snacks, events geared

towards graduate students, graduate student appreciation week, have waffles at Wagner Hall, movie night in front of Robinson Hall, The Princess Bride, guys' night Thursday night vintage video games with wings to eat, ladies' night is a chocolate connoisseur with massages, also there will be information on PowerPoint, also want to introduce the fact that we have graduate student college ambassadors, ambassadors give tours of campus

Sen. 40: Regarding guys night and ladies night, there will be some questions about whether that is really guys night and ladies night. The guys' night and ladies' night can be problematic. Who could we contact if a female wanted to go to guys night or vice versa, is there somebody organizing it?

Mills: You can contact Clay Wesley in Graduate Student Life.

Special Orders: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

SENATE BILL NO. GS14-10 Carlough's Mark on Campus Act

Motion to bring to the floor by Sen. 45, second Sen. 87, bill is on the floor.

Speaker from Undergraduate Student Congress: Updates to constitution being proposed, our past leader stepped down, constitution said one thing, thought process was another, followed what constitution said, Madalin assumed only powers and duty of president but not the office, previous act giving her more responsibility and increasing her pay, I have changed the constitution, how things will change, the vice president will assume entire office of president, responsibilities, duties, compensation, process to fill vacancy in the office of the vice president, also a new clause that says if the vice president can't meet the requirements of the president, then the vice president would stay the vice president, if the vice president and president both removed at same time, chair of undergrad student congress assumes the president's position, any unforeseen circumstances can be addressed with a simple act of legislation.

Sen. 60: About Section 6, is there actually any difference currently in qualifications for President and Vice President?

Speaker: Currently no.

Sen. 72: What happens if the Vice President cannot meet qualifications of President?

Speaker: There is not specific language to address that, but the Chair of Undergraduate Student Congress would assume the position of President if he meets requirements, if not, an act for further succession.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent by Sen. 75, second Sen. 86, no objections, bill passes.

SENATE BILL NO. GS14-11 Icing on the Cupcake Act of 2014

Motion to bring to the floor by Sen. 59, second Sen. 77, bill is on the floor.

Speaker: This a piece of legislation passed last year, title reflects that, democracy should be the first pursuit of this body, gpa requirements helps establish that democracy, two parts, SGA President gpa requirement, second part the process, gpa requirements were challenged and struck down by virtue of one line that would have allowed individual bodies to develop gpa requirements, this legislation meets the test of all constitutional challenges.

Sen. 60: Since this is establishing a gpa requirement for only the President, if the vice president had less than the gpa requirement, he or she would be skipped over?

Speaker: That is correct.

Sen. 86: You are saying this is democratic to have a gpa requirement?

Speaker: I believe it is democratic to propose it to the students.

Sen. 60: Any downside for including gpa requirement for vice president?

Speaker: We do not want to restrict ourselves, we are currently able to establish gpa requirements, if we change it in the constitution, we set limitations for ourselves.

Sen. 5: Does this act establish gpa requirements?

Speaker: Only for SGA President, but we are proposing a process for establishing gpa requirements.

Sen. 60: In Article 4, Sec. 8, has to be at least 2.5 but could be set higher in the future?

Speaker: That is correct.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent by Sen. 5, second Sen. 31 seconds, 60 objects.

Call for debate by Sen. 59, second by Sen. 60.

Motion to move to previous question by Sen. 31.

Sen. 60: Is this not a motion for closure?

Sen. 45 seconds motion to move for previous question.

Sen. 59: Are we voting to close debate?

Vice chair: Yes

Voting to end debate

Senators in Favor of Closing Debate: 92 72 23 86 71 11 9 5 10 52 12 2 87 55 20 32 19 45 31 46
38 37 40 88 75 98 44 77 1 47 83 85 48 80 13 7 56 89 22 21 33 41

Senators Opposed to Closing Debate: 59 60 28

Debate is closed.

Sen. 86: What is this bill doing, is it creating a requirement?

Vice Chair: What it is saying is in the future can set up a process to set up gpa requirements.

Speaker: This establishes gpa requirement only for SGA President, has to be approved by the Regents.

George: This is a referendum, putting it before the student body.

Vice chair: It puts it to referendum to the students.

Move for a placard vote by Sen. 45, second 46, no objections.

For: 92 72 23 11 71 5 9 10 52 2 12 55 20 32 19 31 45 46 38 40 37 88 98 75 44 28 77 1 83 47 85
48 80 79 13 7 56 89 22 21 41 33

Against: 87 59 60.

The bill passes.

SENATE BILL NO. GS14-12 Emergency Allocation #11

Motion to bring the floor by Sen. 46, second by Sen. 31, bill on floor.

Speaker: Three groups wanted additional funding, and I yield time to questions.

Sen. 59: Why do they want funding?

Speaker: All of it is for events, Sooner Communications Conference had some costs they didn't expect, as for the rest it was some funds to help cover events.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent by Sen. 31, second by Sen. 20, no objections, bill passes.

Announcements:

Vice Chair: Next meeting is next week April 6th, nomination forms are up front if you want to nominate someone for an officer position.

Motion to adjourn by Sen. 72, second by 46, meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Announcements:

Jerry: The next meeting is on the 30th

George: If you are interested in running for leadership position, ask me.

Senator 75: Still need three volunteers for executive committees- graduate council, scholarship appropriation.

Jerry- We need two volunteers for graduate council, one for scholarship committee.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Senator 45, second by Senator 75, no objections.

Meeting adjourned 8:09 p.m.